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TOWN MEETING & VOTE COMING UP

A Special Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday June 23rd, to see if the Town will pay certain last minute bills, transfer funds to next year's accounts, and determine Town holidays and pay policy. (The exact Articles are posted at the Posting Places.) This will be the last Special where the quorum of 25 will be in effect, as the Town voted at the Annual Town Meeting to reduce the required quorum to 15. So please come and celebrate the end of an era!

Also, the Selectboard has scheduled an override vote for Monday, June 29th. The Board, after consulting with other boards and soliciting input from citizens, decided to post all the General Fund override amounts under one Question, as a lump sum total of $69,240. This Question, called Question One, would see if the Town wishes to override the 2 1/2 limit to support Town departments with this amount. If passed, this sum would be divided among Town departments as voted at the Annual. There is one other question on the ballot, to see if the Town wishes to override the 2 1/2 limit by $15,000 to buy a used road grader for the Highway department. This action was also approved by the Annual Town Meeting. Please come and vote!

Submitted by Dan Keller

OVERRIDE BALLOT VOTE
JUNE 29th
12 pm - 8 pm
polls open

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 23rd
7⁰⁰ pm

WENDELL OLD HOME DAY

OLD HOME DAY
Sun., July 11, 1992 On the Common

Traditions and a strong sense of community are important aspects of life in a small town. Old Home Day is a special time for neighbors and friends to gather on the Common. This celebration provides something for everyone to enjoy. Wendell is home to many talented folks, musicians, artists and craftspeople to name only a few, and Old Home Day is a time to share our local talent. Music, art shows, craft booths, a children's parade, puppet theater, family games and activities, pony rides, petting zoo, great food and lots more are scheduled for this community affair. It is a day to eat, play, laugh, sing, dance and talk. Most importantly it is a day to have fun. So mark your calendars and join us on the common on Sunday, July 11th.

OLD HOME DAY
A SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:00	Children's Parade
11:00	Bremen Puppet Theater & Children's Music
12:00	Music continues until 6:00 featuring the Outerspace Band, John Sheldon and the Blue Streak Band, Reggae and lots more Wendell Old Home Day favorites! Other on-going activities - Crafts Booths, Art Show, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides & great food
1:00	Native American Games The Amazing Pond Creatures Tye Dye Time (bring your own whites) and lots more games and activities for all ages
4:30	Our Own Famous Diemand Chicken B-B-Q

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

Wendell's Annual Town Meeting took six nights to consider a warrant of 32 articles. Only 10% of the voters, at best, were represented, with less attending as the meeting wore on to subsequent nights. The meetings were full of struggle over how to pay town bills without enough money. The two largest budget items, maintaining schools and highways, were extremely controversial issues. Secret ballots were called for three times on votes pertaining to school funding. Much parliamentary maneuvering took place on the part of school advocates to subtract monies from other departments and add it to the school budget, the strategy being to avoid an override vote on as much of the school appropriation as possible. These tactics were used in light of the crashing defeat of override issues at the ballot box last year. Town Boards were visibly at odds with each other over budget management issues, particularly the Swift River School Committee v. the Finance Committee and the Selectboard. Representatives of the Highway Dept. refused to enter the controversy, even by voter demand. Voters were still working on school/highway budget issues on night 5. Once this business was resolved, pending an override vote at the polls, the remainder of the meeting was concluded in one more night. Schools and Edu-

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Thank you for your cooperation-FB THANKS

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Artwork: Local artwork lovingly accepted. Must be shiny black ink.

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LETTERS

It was a cloudy windy and raw day for a Memorial Day celebration, but even so there was a good turn out.

The drums could be heard as the Parade left the new fire station on it's way to the Town Common. As they marched into view, Flags and Banners outstretched in the cold wind, I could not help but remember what this day stands for. Honoring our war dead who served and sacrificed so proudly.

As they came into full view, there in the lead, was Margo, along with Ted and Carmen Buel. I thought to myself, my god what a hypocrite she is. It reminded me of the picture in the last issue of the "Post" where Margo, Ann and Ted were pictured with Kathleen Ramsey and a Flag that flew over the Capitol Building. Smiles from ear to ear. Its great to see yourself in print. It brought a tear to my eye. Was she doing it out of patriotism or was she trying to impress representative Buel? Ah the many hats of a politician.

Refreshments were served at the Town Hall, all donated by the towns people. I hope next year will be as sucessful as this year.

Ken Carville

The staff of the Post, after much discussion, agreed that the foregoing letter violates the spirit of the Memorial Day Observance, and contains an objectionable personal attack. However, the Post is printing the letter because the person or persons named are elected officials not immune to criticism. While derogatory, the remarks are not deemed libelous. The Post welcomes diverse opinions, but urges all writers not to use the paper as a weapon to hurt other people, and will withold negative, offensive material at its discretion.

Thanks to Rev. Andy Walstrom, and his group of workers, Ken, Mary, and Spider. Coming in from other towns to help us glaze our windows is indeed a generous gift of fellowship. These folks have even offered to come back and help finish the job. We are so grateful for your help. Thank you again.

In closing, fellow Wendellites, The Meeting House is bustling with activity and we are looking forward to a busy summer. We'd like to hear from you as to your suggestions and ideas and availability to help us accomplish our eternal goal - to give Wendell a real Community Center for you - the community.

Peace to all
Gail and Mez

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Linda and I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the entire community.

First of all, we want to acknowledge the tremendous job done by the Wendell Fire Dept. and the fire departments of the surrounding communities in extinguishing the structural blaze that engulfed our home. Thanks to the promptness and professional job done by the fire department, many sentimental possessions were left unscathed. We understand that many passers-by aided the fire department in running hoses and other tasks.

We were delightfully awed by the outpouring of help so generously heaped on us by friends, neighbors, co-workers, and townspeople. People donated labor, lumber, flashlights, money, and clothes. We were also offered lodging, storage and especially lots of home cooked dinners!

We immediately decided to rebuild our home and to use local labor as much as possible Construction is moving along rapidly and we hope to move back in around Labor Day.

Linda and I moved to Wendell from New Jersey in 1988. In the four and a half years that we have lived here, we have grown to love this town for its beauty, character, and vitality. We look forward to many more happy years here, we've felt welcome here since the day we moved in, thank you all!

Joseph Coll
Linda Hickman
Locks Village Rd.

ARE YOU COMMITTED?

The Wendell Fire Department is looking for committed, responsible, eager-to-learn individuals to join a small but dedicated department.

Drills are the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

If you are interested or have any questions, call Everett Ricketts, Fire Chief, 544-3494.

$ FIRE DEPARTMENT $
Road Block Fund Raiser

The Wendell Fire Department will be holding a fund raising roadblock to raise money for much-needed equipment.

HOW IT WORKS:

Department members will be at Wendell Center Crossroads on June 20 from 8-2 p.m. Donations will be gratefully accepted at that time.

Here's your chance to help your fire department.

COVER DRAWING

Wendell seems to be enjoying higher than normal snowshoe hare populations. Artist Bob Ellis reports a doe has had two litters so far, one just 30 feet from his back door. The leverets, as the young are called, are comfortable enough with Bob to continue feeding as he passes by. He has witnessed courtship chases, bucks fighting, mating and nursing from the house, and plans paintings of his energetic models. The drawing, entitled "hares jump-dancing" is available for purchase. Contact Bob at 659-3512.

TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

Board of Selectmen:
Margaret Cully 204
Kenneth Simos 80

Assessor:
Sarah Kohler 226
Ken Carvelle* 3

Board of Health (2 positions)
Robert Leet 202
Jane Stone* 148
Ken Carvelle* 9

Planning Board Member (5 year term)
Peter Rooney 168
Mary McBride* 11
Ken Carvelle* 4

Planning Board Member (2 year term)
Mary McBride* 133
Ken Carvelle* 4

Planning Board Member (3 year term)
Laura Doughty 205
Ken Carvelle* 2

Moderator
Kathy Becker 242

Constable
David Walsh 166
Andrew Hamilton 78
Ken Carvelle* 15

Cemetery Commissioner
Daniel Bacigalupo 229

Road Commissioner
Harry Williston 225
Ken Carvelle* 1

School Committee (2 positions)
Jean Forward 200
Carolyn Manley 196
Pam Perrell* 3
Jake Graton* 3

Tree Warden
Daniel Bacigalupo 223

Library Trustee
Francis Doughty 219
Virginia Schimmel 67

* write-in candidate

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT...
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cation received an appropriation of $615,488. An additional appropriation of $50,763 awaits a vote at the polls as an override question. Funds to the Highway Dept. were cut to $91,977. The Highway override amount was initially rejected completely, but a last minute motion by the Selectboard to restore the possibility of $12,700 in override monies was approved, pending the wishes of voters later when the issue appears on the ballot with the other override issues.

Additional override questions will be $15,000 for purchase of a used grader, $25,000 for the Capital Stabilization Fund. Rejected for override funding was installation of a toilet for the Wendell Library, drainage and road upgrade for the Town Common, and $15,000 of upgrading on Jennison Road.

Major new action at Town Meeting included approval of replacing the roof on the older portion of the Swift River School Roof by borrowing $29,853. At one of the two sessions of Annual Town Meeting delayed due to lack of quorum, a reduction in attendance required for a quorum from 25 to 15 was approved.

Poignant appeals from affected landowners to restore discontinued sections of several roads were heard and considered, but no action could be taken by voters but to "pass over" until completion of certain provisions required by the County Commissioners. Re-establishing discontinued roads is complex and controversial, but voters showed great concern for families who have fallen through the cracks of regulations designed to protect the town from having to maintain such a lengthy and costly system of locally maintained dirt and paved roads.

Voters authorized the Selectboard to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Orange for solid waste disposal in their landfill, and in another action, to appoint representatives to a proposed County Town Meeting. Voters approved the designation of the first Sunday of August as Peace Day in Wendell, and rejected the idea of allowing the Wendell Plumbing and Building Inspectors to establish their own accounts for fees collected because it was felt that the Town would not have time to supervise these accounts. Voters approved sending a message to our Senators and Representative to shift focus from military spending to domestic needs. When the meeting was adjourned on May 20 at 8:24pm, the crowd cheered and threw up their hats in the air.

One happy note, on night 3, the Town received a present from Josh "Waffles" Dostas of New Salem, who had won a watercolor painting by Bob Ellis, as part of a fundraiser for a grassroots self-help organization. The painting of Jack Ellis's oxen will be framed and hung in the Town Hall. (see related story)... pg 12

by Kathy Becker (the Moderator's version of events)

Impressions of an Annual Town Meeting

Six organized nights in May helped determine a way to pay for town business. Households do this independently, but town meeting is when all can offer their version of common sense about shared spending. Voters take their roles seriously. Death throes are hard to take, for, when what we see as crucial issues lose support, we may lose our head.

Six nights in a row with intelligent debate. I am impressed by the different styles. Earnestness in brow, cleverness in slant of mouth, passionate, lighthearted, or comic relief... Ted, your jokes a delight to all. Good drama too! Thank you for so many years of giving. Thanks too, to all the regular workers from the people you serve.

The lights were on over at the town offices; we stood in the dark outside town hall. The meeting had ended and we were reconstructing events. Where earlier I'd seen the fresh bloom of cherry blossoms illuminating town property, now hours later the glow was electric and indicated people still at work. Margo had left town hall musing that now she could finally mow her lawn!

Some of us go home. Our job is over. We worked conscientiously attending prolonged and often anxious debates. But now we go home and leave the workings of the town to others. Many residents have no idea what the actual minimum-salary or no-pay work entails. Some officials meet weekly, monthly or even several times a week There are costs individuals donate so as not to withdraw from thin coffers. We go home or stay home while boards and committees willingly work on daily machinery of our town.

A cheer of jubilation resounded after the moderator announced the meeting was closed. The gathering had shared in the process like labor and delivery. We felt close.

Town meeting is an amazing process. Facts, finances and opinions are presented with the intention to convince. It takes constant focus to keep the argument sorted so as to vote clearly. I seesaw between opinions, impressed by resolute voters. Debate is so forceful, speakers can be so interesting and eloquent. There is much appreciation for respect shown to opposition, remembering we live here as equals. Emotions run strong. I wander into my mind thinking about what created the power of a speech.

It can be intimidating to speak before others. Public debate reveals a lot and we tend to believe the success of a vote balances on us.

The moderator's responsibility is to assure a safe forum and she takes her role very seriously. We can help by being graceful despite a fall, as we teach our children to do in the face of disappointment. Respect and positive attitudes are not written into our health by-laws but are virtues that nourish the soul of a community. Often a "victory" is Pyrrhic because one department is pitted against another (this year, it was highway & school) and still local money does not exist to fill our needs. The true "enemy" is not a neighbor, but the political state of larger affairs. We are divided and conquered when we point the finger of blame on our volunteer laborers. Everyone in town can attend and influence the vote. Child care is provided. Still, one of the six nights, the meeting was postponed 30 mins. for telephoning to seek a quorum.

Voting partners change with issues and time. We appreciate others than those with whom we feel a natural simpatico. Social relations evolve; we stretch to the experience. Town meeting fever invades, to see the order to the end, to appreciate neighbors at this work, a form of theatre and in that sense, every bit of humor elevates the spirit and thus the town.

- Nina Keller

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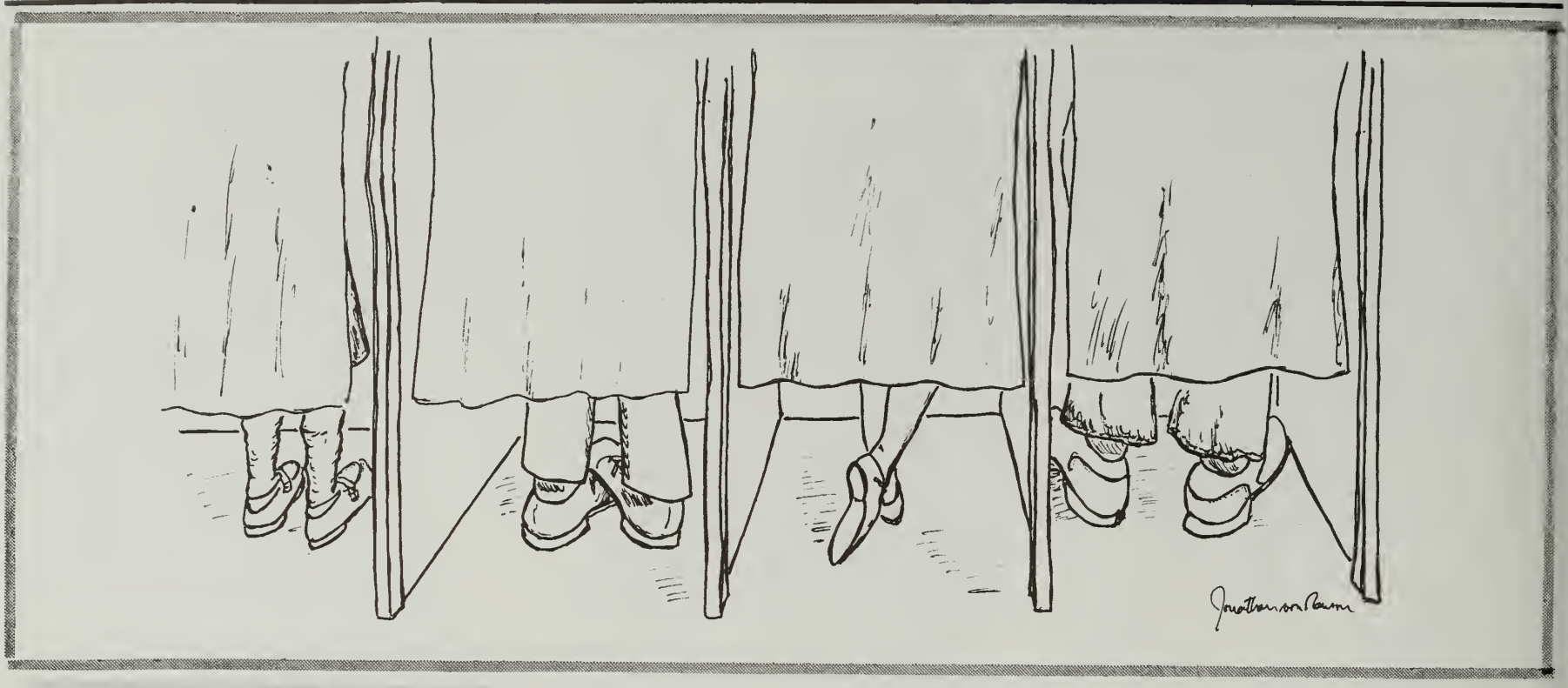


An early Jacques Graton...without wire-rim glasses or goatee

Jake Graton Brings Fire To Wendell Art

Jacques Graton has moved into the Old Fire House, renting the loft, which he has turned into an artist's studio. He is a realistic painter who is not afraid of color. He cites Georgia O'Keefe as a seminal influence: that is, he paints what turns him on--the way he sees it.

When I interviewed Graton for this article it seemed almost an accident that he has now wound up as a painter, but when he was a kid growing up in Holyoke he did go to a boys' club where he was given access to art materials, and started to draw. His French parents brought him to Holyoke from Canada at age 7 (1952) where he grew up with his brother and sisters. In 1972 in Holyoke he met his wife Nancy who was then 23, he was 27.

By a wild and complicated journey, Graton eventually came to this area drawn by the charisma of Elwood Babbitt. In 1972-1976 he ran a coffee house in Wendell Depot. There was a cafe, a sauna and a laundry.

Graton designed and built the original playground at the Swift River School. Additionally, he used to teach woodworking at Maple Valley School. He has tried desk-top publishing and numerous other jobs which hav e honed his skills.

Trying to put him in a broad perspective, I'd say that he's home-grown and self-taught. He likes watercolors, pastels and chalk. Most of his work is portrait painting; but he also does pictures of houses, and even landscapes, which are nonetheless treated in a painterly manner, as though portraits. His portrait of Marilyn Monroe is an example of his imaginative attempt to re-create a well-known icon. He is not in the tradition of early American genre painters, but he does in some ways resemble some of the portrait painters. In his exuberant use of color he is more Gallic than many American realistic painters. Possibly I can call him a home-grown post-impressionist.

Like many artists past and present, he would like somehow to make a living by selling his work. I wish him luck.

Charles Thompson Smith

THINKING ABOUT TAXES

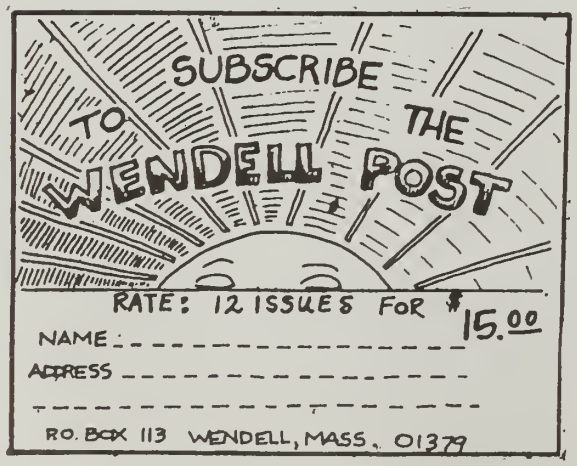
We are all acutely aware of the burden of local property taxes because payment for ALL of FY 92 taxes was due within two weeks this spring. The first of those bills should have arrived early last fall. Our hard-working assessors have now caught up from the delay caused by property revaluation that took place for FY91. If you remember, we paid half of our (estimated) taxes for FY 91 in January of 1991, then the rest of FY 91 in October of 1991. (We actually made only one tax payment in the year 1990).

We often hear that the Wendell tax rate ($17. 60) is one of the highest in the state. Reasons for that are because our total property valuations are low and we have no commercial tax base or other sources of revenue (like the MDC land in New Salem). While our tax rate is high, the per family tax bill is in fact below average. In 1990 our average family tax bill of $1, 377 ranked 191st out of 351 towns in the state. But we also have one of the lowest per capita income levels in the state ($9, 587 in the 1987 U.S. Census). The crunch comes in the gap between the demands placed upon our resources and our ability to meet those demands.

Another factor in our fiscal situation is our high debt load. As of June 30, 1990 (the most recent figures from D.O.R.) our per capita debt load was $1, 612 or 5.3% of our total property valuation--one of the highest ratios of debt to valuation in the state (again because our valuations are low). This burden will lessen each year as we pay off notes for the school construction/ addition and the highway/fire station garage.

The percentage of our total revenue that comes from local property taxes has been increasing steadily in recent years (42.3% in FY 81 compared to 59% in FY 92) due to a corresponding decrease in the percentage of our revenue that comes from the state (27% in FY 81 compared to 19% in FY 92). In particular, the state's payment in-lieu-of-taxes to Wendell (for state-owned land) has dropped from $113, 715 (20% of our total revenues) in FY 81 to $25, 972 (2.3% of our total revenues) in FY 92. Nonetheless, the Department of Revenue reports that the Town of Wendell receives more state aid per capita ($806 per capita in 1992) than any other town in the state (mostly in aid to regional schools).

By Margo Culley (with help from Kathleen Ramsay, Jesse Wetherby, Judy Wilder and the Finance Committee)



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FREE WATERCOLOR CLASS

Supported by a Wendell Arts Lottery grant, Laura Kaye will offer a free, six week beginning watercolor class this summer. The class will cover basic watercolor techniques such as glazing and "wet in wet"; brushwork, use of color and value; questions such as "where do I begin??"; plus, lots of encouragement and constructive criticism. Any adult or teen who can make a committment to attend most of the classes is welcome to attend The class will be held on Mondays, from 3pm to 5 pm at the Senior Center, July 6 through August 10.

If you are interested, please call Laura Kaye at 544-8023 by June 29th. Registration is required. Call soon - it's first come, first serve and space is limited.

DINNER DANCE

Good Neighbors will host a dinner dance on Thursday, July 16 at 6 pm at the Town Hall There will be a roast beef dinner (with a vegetable alternative) followed by dancing to the music of the Stevie Sunshine Band. Put on your dancing shoes and come join us for delicious food and great music.

PEACE DAY

August 2nd is the date for Wendell's 2nd annual Peace Day. This is a day long event where we all come together to share our visions for peace. Last year was great and this one should be better! Please call me with your ideas for workshops, games, music, to set up a booth for sharing information or whatever.

Rosalie

Wyola Road Race

The 14th annual Lake Wyola Road Race is scheduled for Sunday, July 28 this year.

The 4.8 mile footrace around the lake starts at Lake Wyola Association Hall in Shutesbury. It features men's and women's categories in teen (14 and under), open (15-35) and masters (40 and over). Ceramics will be awarded as prizes.

Preregistration is requested. There is a $4 entry fee, checks payable to Lake Wyola association. Entries and remittance should be returned to Wilhelm A. Frederich 53 Florence St., Rockville, Ct. 06066.

P.S. There is a special walking division. Walkers have a 10 a.m. start. Runners start at 10:30.

POSTING PLACE

Town Telephone Tree

Anyone interested in becoming part of the Wendell Telephone Tree please stop by the town offices and initial the voters list of names you will call. You may also call Anne Diemand (544-6111) or Judy Wilder (544-8617) for more information. This list will help us all be more informed about town meetings. People can choose to call 1 person or ten people each time. I think this can work!!

Thanks,
Anne Diemand

Vital Statistics

Birth

1/21/92 Thomas Merle Richardson born to Susanne Marie and Geoffrey Thomas Richardson in Gardiner

Marriage

5/30/92 Floyd Borakove and Delores Elizabeth O'Reilly in Wendell

Death

1/1/92 James A. Francis 91 years
2/11/92 Virginia T. Noyes 63 years
3/28/92 Lillian Amelia Gerstel 86 years
4/4/92 Douglas A. Johnson 58 years

Land Transfers

1/31/92 Bruce S. Thornton to Orange Savings Bank to Mason Phelps, 21+ acres New Salem Rd., $20,450

Police Log

3/3 Theft from transfer station
4/2 Darlene Descavich reported a woman in large beige car tried to get her 8 yr. old son to get into it
4/5 Mailboxes on Stone Rd. knocked over by unknown pick-up truck
4/15 $10 worth of gas stolen from country store
4/18 1-car accident on Montague Rd., woman transported to Athol Hospital
4/17 Domestic dispute on Davis Rd.
4/20 Mason Phelps' driveway gate vandalized
4/23 Woman on Montague Rd. reported harrassing and obscene phone calls
4/23 Car in Jennison Rd. cemetery with nude sunbathers
4/23 Road boss Dan Bacigalupo reported tires slashed on backhoe
5/11 Domestic disturbance on Lockes Village Rd.
5/14 1-car accident on Jerusalem Rd., 2 people injured
5/21 Sean Diemand called to report brush fire on Old Farley Rd.
5/22 Hal Stowell called requesting extra patrols in State Forest in Ruggles Pond area
6/6 1-car accident on Carlton Rd., no injuries
6/7 Marianne Sundell reported suspicious noises behind house, nobody found

Fire Report

4/16 Brush fire, Wendell Depot Rd.
5/2 Propane gas fire on Montague Rd.
5/8 Kentfield Rd.- Structure fire
5/10 Brush fire, corner of Montague and Wickett Pond Rd.
5/21 Brush fire, Upper Farley Rd.

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1992-1993

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STATE POLICE	249-4341

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Meetings: 2nd & 4th Monday. 7:30 P.M.

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Wendell Selectboard Meeting April 14, 1992 Minutes
members present Margo Culley, Anne Zak and Ted Lewis

Steven Broll attended the meeting and submitted a petition signed by townspeople to be placed as a warrant article for the Annual Town Meeting. In essence , it is a request that monies saved through a 50% cut in military spending during the next five years be applied to assist communities to create new jobs and to assist employers to convert businesses from military to peace time production. Also it suggests that the monies saved be reinvested to rebuild our economy.

Selectboard members voted to retain the Town's policy of contributing a dollar amount equal to 50% of the BC/BS monthly premium to the town's HMO subscribers.

The Board received a letter from the New Salem Board of Selectmen and the New Salem Finance Committee urging them to support town meeting passage of the Swift River School roof article.

Summer Youth Employment Program - Kathleen Ramsey will look into the possibility of employing a youth through the SYEP for clerical assistance if the town officers feel they can keep the employee busy for 8 weeks.

All Board meeting - A meeting is scheduled for June 2, 1992 to review plans for the upcoming year.

The Selectboard received a note suggesting the use of a programmable thermostat for the Town Office Building. Janice Barrett, the GMA, turns the heat down when the building is not in use. The Board decided there is no need for a programmable thermostat at this time.

Swift River School Treasurer interviews is scheduled for April 23, 1992 at Swift River School at 7:00 p.m.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting April 21, 1992 Minutes
members present: Margo Culley and Ted Lewis

Board scheduled a meeting with the Finance Committee for April 28, 1992 to discuss in full the warrant articles and the 1993 Town Budget.

Notification from Town Counsel states the Town of Wendell is not responsible for the cost of the clean up of Ridley's Pond

Board members agreed to take off the article regarding the Computer Study Committee from the Town meeting warrant. They will, instead, meet with interested parties, Judith Wilder, Jesse Wetherby, and Janice Barrett to discuss their needs prior to a meeting with a program designer.

There were eight applicants for the position of Swift River School Treasurer but only four resumes were received. An interview with those four persons is scheduled for April 23, 1992 at Swift River School. Board members would like to hear from some local applicants.

The Selectboard decided upon May 5, 1992 at 8;00 pm for the Montague Road Pole Hearing.

A Public Hearing on Wendell Personnel Policy By-laws will be held at 7:15 pm on Tuesday, May 5, 1992.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife of the DEM submitted a plan for cutting of trees in the Wendell Forest.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting April 28, 1992 Minutes
members present: Margo Culley, Anne Zak and Ted Lewis

Old Fire House Rental Proposal Opening - Mr. Jacques Graton was the only applicant for the Fire Station rental. His request was approved and a one year lease was signed by Mr. Graton and the Wendell Selectboard.

A request by Phil Delorey, Wendell's Building Inspector, to hire an expert Building Inspector assistant was approved for a Warrant article for the Annual Town Meeting. If approved funding for this would go through a revolving account as for the plumbing inspector.

The Finance Committee met with the Selectboard to discuss the Warrant articles which effect the Budget for 1993. Ms. Zinya Wild attended this meeting as a representative of the Swift River School Board. Ms. Wild was displeased with the proposed format for the 1993 Wendell Budget as presented by the Finance Committee. She strenuously objected to the presentation of a balanced budget on the grounds, in her view, it diminished the possibility of an override approval by the townspeople. Ms. Wild's contention, and that of the School Board, is that an override is necessary for the wellbeing of the school and its students.

The Selectboard and the Finance Committee agreed it would be unconscionable not to present a balanced budget at the Annual Town Meeting. They suggested the School Board present a budget summary and an explanation of the needs of the school prior to or at the Town Meeting.

Selectboard Meeting May 5, 1992 Minutes
Members present: Anne Zak, Margo Culley, Ted Lewis Mez Davis appeared before the Board as representative of the Recreation Committee with a request to use the Town Hall facilities for a summer program for children. There was some confusion regarding the non-profit status of the group which would affect a rental fee for the premises. Ms. Davis will contact the Board at a future date with more details.

Personnel Policy Hearing - NO employees attended this hearing. Board members agreed to replace one sick day and the floating holiday with Patriot's Day and Martin Luther King Day subject to legality of same as per Town Counsel and the feelings of the people at the Annual Town Meeting.

Board members agreed to write a letter to the Cub Scouts, to Ed Chase, their leader, and to Jacques Graton accepting responsibility for the confusion which occurred at the old firehouse last week due to lack of communication.

Annual Selectboard Organizational Meeting - Board members Anne Zak and Margo Culley nominated Ted Lewis as Chairman of the Selectboard for 1993 and requested he accept the appointment. Mr. Lewis accepted the appointment. Board members then appointed Elizabeth Scully Selectboard Clerk for 1993. Ms. Scully was pleased to accept.

Painting Town Buildings - Ted Lewis and Kathleen Ramsey will speak with Sheriff McQuade re: the use of prisoners as volunteers to scrape and paint Town Buildings. The Board members agreed it would be wise to focus attention on one building (the Town Hall) and do a thorough job of scraping and painting rather than try to do all the buildings in one year.

Joanne Aalfs appeared before the Board as a representative of the Recreation Committee with a request to use the Town Hall from 6:00pm to 9:00pm during the summer months for musical groups. The Board agreed to a no fee access since it is sponsored by the Recreation Committee and is open to all the citizens of Wendell.

Elizabeth Scully appeared before the Board, as the Treasurer of the Wendell Golden Age Club, to present them with a check for $100.00 to help defray the cost of fuel for heating the Senior Center.

Gridley Pond Clean-Up - Board members will meet with Town Counsel at 10:00 am Thurs. May 7, 1992 to discuss all legal aspects of the clean-up.

The Finance Committee met with the Selectboard to discuss the revised warrant articles and the 1993 Town Budget. Fin Com presented a delineated, thoroughly comprehensive report with the final budget.

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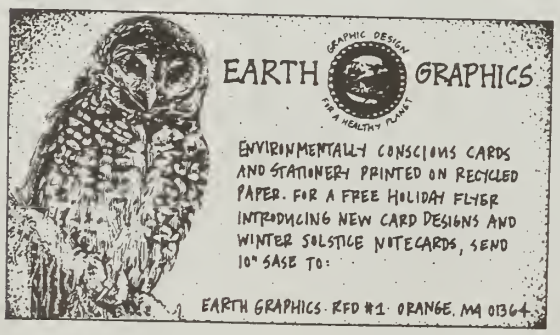

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Wendell Selectboard Meeting May 18 1992 Minutes
Members present: Margo Culley and Ann Zak. Ted Lewis was at the Town Hall attending the Annual Town Meeting as a representative of the Selectboard.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph petition #220158 for the installation of 13 new jointly owned poles on Montague Road, beginning at a point 396 feet west of the centerline of Wendell Depot Road and continuing to a point approximately,080 feet west of the intersection of Montague and Wickett Pond Roads was heard.

Matt Hurley of NET&T,Right of Way Div. answered questions re: the placement of the poles from interested citizens, including Denise Piazza, Lucille Lewis, Haldimand and Judith Putman, and abutters to the proposed pole placements.

Mrs. Lewis requested she be contacted prior to tree trimming on her land. Mr. and Mrs. Putman expressed concern regarding the appearance of the pole supports for pole # 15 on the corner of the property.

At 7:30, Matt Hurley and the concerned abutters visited the site to discuss the petition in greater detail.

The pole hearing will continue on June, 1992.

Ms. Zak and Ms. Culley adjourned the meeting at 7:30p.m. in order to attend the Annual Town Meeting taking place at the Town Hall.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting May 26, 1992 Minutes
Meeting convened at 7:00pm/members present: Anne Zak, Margo Culley, Ted Lewis/ Minutes read and approved/correspondence reviewed.

Bob Leet of the Board of Health attended the meeting to discuss with the Selectboard the notice of noncompliance received by DB Enterprises from the Department of Environmental Protection. The notice re: the acceptance by D&B of soil contaminated with petroleum hydrocarbons (waste oil) for use as a daily cover. The source of the contaminated soil is reportedly a junkyard located in the State of New York. The Board of Health is monitoring the situation. It is working on the initial Site Assessment for Transfer Stations with DDD engineer, Robert Drwila.

Margo Culley plans to contact new Bd. of Health member, Jane Stone, re: the possibility of conducting an epidemiological study of Wendell residents. Her concern stems from the number of people stricken with cancer on the south end of town.

The override election date is set for June 29, 1992. Copies of draft warrants will be sent to SChool Superintendent, Mr. Lubinsky, for review prior to the next Wendell Selectboard meeting on June 2, 1992.

S.T.A.R. Update - State Senator, Jane Swift, will submit an amendment to the State budget advocating the reinstatement of the in-lieu-of taxes program for state owned lands. If the amendment is successful, Wendell can expect to receive at least $23,000. in-lieu-of taxes for 1993. Small Towns Against Repression is also working on a long term agenda for the preservation and enhancement of the in-lieu-of taxes program.

Swift River School Construction Reimbursement - The Board received a letter from Town Counsel, John Gates, reiterating his opinion that the school construction reimbursement for construction of Swift River School should be based on each town's (Wendell and New Salem) percentage enrollment at the time the bonds were issued.

The Department of Environmental Management Division of Forests and Parks, submitted cutting plans for Stone and Jennison Roads.

The Selectboard received copies of letters of resignation from Angela Russik and Zenya Wild to the Town Clerk.

Board members voted to retain the cleaning deposit from the Town Hall renters the prior weekend because beer cans were left behind.

A Special Town Meeting was scheduled for June 23, 1992. The Selectboard and the Finance Committee discussed

articles pertaining to the Town's Finances. The Warrant is attached.

Franklin County CDC request for Ten Town Trust Fund monies for economic development under the Severe and Sudden Economic Downturn federal grant program was approved by the Board. The monies allocated will not come from the taxpayer but rather it will be pledged out of future economic development loan repayments of the Ten Town Trust.

Gridley's Pond Clean-up - The Board agreed to send a letter authorizing payment of emergency clean-up services only in the amount of $2, 102. The payment to Southampton Sanitary will cover invoice # 1752 dated July 24, 1991 and is being followed through at the suggestion of John Gates, Town Counsel.

The Arts Lottery Council appointments made by the Board are: Laurie Daniel-Stamell, Matt Stamell, C.R. Ellis, Jr., Jacques Graton, and Marcelle Feltman. The appointments are for two years (1992 to 1994)

Montague Road Pole Hearing is continued until June 2, 1992.

Kathleen Ramsey will price metal folding chairs and banquet tables for the Town Hall to be purchased with Town Property Maintenance Fund and/or Town Office Construction Fund.

Respectfully submitted
Elizabeth Scully
Selectboard Clerk

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We need to know if this is happening. Please make an attempt to notify the WRATS attendants if you make an unscheduled pickup. We need to know if this is the case, or if there is actual thievery going on.

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I am thinking of leading a 9 a.m. class Tuesdays at the Senior Center. I would appreciate calls from people who are interested.

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Swift River Pre-School News

May was a busy month at the Pre-School. In the classroom, we became the proud 'parents' of baby chicks and tadpoles. We were able to watch some chicks hatch out of their shells in the incubator. Eleven (out of twelve) chicks hatched in all. Also hatching were our frog eggs, which became many, many tadpoles. Waterbugs were also added to the aquarium for us to watch.

The four-year-olds had some special visitors in May. The seniors of New Salem and Wendell were invited to visit, and on two consecutive Wednesdays we were visited by seniors from New Salem and Wendell respectively. They came for All-School Sing and stayed for activity time. We were very happy to have them visit. The Wendell Seniors have even invited us and our families to a picnic at their place (the Senior Center) on June 3rd.

Other things we have enjoyed this month : a visit from Kim Noyes from Northfield Mountain, who talked about local pond life; a Pajama Day, when we wore our PJs and slippers to school; and the return of the Time Machine, which blasted off in the fall. We weighed and measured ourselves and found that we had all grown.

Our End of the Year Celebration and Potluck is June 17th (our last day of school) at 10:00 a.m. The End of the Year Celebration for the three-year-olds, when our families are invited for a picnic and our own special field day, is June 4th.

Robin Driscoll
Early Childhood Advisory Council

Public Hearing June 29 To Review Street Names

The Street Naming and Numbering Committee will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 29 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall. Townspeople are invited to comment on proposals to create an official list of street names prpearatory to the Committee's task of assigning house numbers. People are also invited to ask about and comment on the process of house numbering.

There is not universal agreement on the names of some Wendell streets and roads. In addition, the Committee has identified some road names that don't meet the test of perfect clarity: Bullard Road and Bullard Pasture Road; Locke Hill Road #1 and #2; Farley Road and Mormon Hollow Road. The portion of New Salem Road north of Morse Village Road used to be called East Road, and certain members of the Road Commission --among others--are mystified why it was ever changed.

A flier offering a list of proposals for consideration and debate will be sent to all households in the next week or so.

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The following is a list of some of the projects and the volunteers involved:

PTCA Board Members: Linda James & Lisa Finestone, Co-Chairs; Millie Postema, Secretary; Bette Richard, Treasurer; Beth Haggerty and Debbie Puchalski, Members-at-Large

PTCA Volunteer Committee who work so diligently but quietly behind the scenes lining up all these volunteers for the different projects. Without them volunteering at Swift River would not happen. Members: Leslie Taylor, Molly Kaynor, Lisa Aubin, Denise McGrath, Kathy Coles & Gerry Manning

Early Childhood Council Members: Lisa Finestone, Sylvia Wetherby, Pam Perrell (former member), Chris Coolidge, Kathy Spring, Beth Haggerty, Bette Richard, Robin Driscoll, Erin Williams, Kim Barry & Neal Gomberg

Early Childhood Council Fundraising: Quilt Raffle - Leslie Taylor & Beth Haggerty, Coordinators of Quilting, Neal Gomberg, Coordinator of Sales; Fullmoon Coffeehouse - Phyllis Lawrence & Bette Richard, Coordinators

PTCA Fundraising: School Shirts and "Common Cents" - Lisa Finestone, Coordinator

School Fundraising: Candle/Gift Wrap - Debbie Puchalski, Coordinator; Book Fair - Jane Marshall and Beth Haggerty, Coordinators

Community Sing - a weekly program held on Wednesday mornings: Jane and Steven Schoenberg

Swift River Current Newsletter Staff: Linda James, Debbie Puchalski, Phyllis Lawrence, Lisa Aubin, Safiya Fox, Carolyn Manley, Cathy Eckert, Leslie Taylor, Denise McGrath, Kathy Coles & Teri Koehler

"Make A Difference Day" - a work day cleaning the school: Debbie Puchalski & Keith Fiske, Coordinators

Spring Work Day - an outdoor clean up day at the school: Debbie Puchalski & Linda James, Coordinators

Teacher Appreciation Day - Bette Richard & Lisa Finestone, Coordinators

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Classroom Volunteers - Each classroom used volunteers for many different purposes including listening to children read, being an extra pair of hands in a busy classroom, helping prepare classroom materials at school or at home, helping students assemble writing projects, demonstrating a skill or interest to a class, driving/chaperoning a class trip. The volunteer committee help teachers find these volunteers. The number of pleople who have helped this year is quite impressive and their names are included in the general volunteer list below.

List of Volunteers: Lisa Aubin, Cindy Bacon, Dick Baldwin, Donna Ballentine, Anne Marie Barber, Paula Barnes, Kim Barry, John Bartus, Kathy Becker, Carol Benoit, Florence Bergmann, Milton Bergmann, Trudy Berkowitz, Maureen Bernatzky, Helen Boland, Stephen Broll, Lawrence Brouillet, Mark Browning, Kara Burnett, Gina Caputo, Martina Carroll, Genie Casey, Cindy Chadbourne, Don Chappell, Nancy Cole, Kathy Coles, Mel Columbia, Chris Coolidge, John Coolidge, Charlene Coutu, Jean Daley, Lynne Davis, Mez Davis, Phil Delorey, Sarah deRoode, Pat Dery, Anne Diemand, Lin Diemand, Jan Doody, Joshua Jay Dostis, Susan Drillen, Robin Driscoll, Rick Drohen, Sue Dunbar, Larry Eaton, Cathy Eckert, Debbie Emmett Beth Erviti, Chris Ewell, Marcelle Feltman, William Ferris, Lisa Finestone, Lorriane Fly, Hal Flynn, Joyce Flynn, Marcia Fortune, Jean Forward, Safiya Fox, Mary Gilman, Judy Grupenhoff, Beth Haggerty, Steve Haggett, Elaine Hayden, Christine Heard, Candy Hebert, Joshua Heinemann, Julie Hubbard, Richard Hubbard, Linda James, Molly Kaynor, Teri Koehler, Gail Krutka, Diane Kurinsky, Cindy Lanagan, Phyllis Lawrence, Kay Leonard, Sarah Kohler, Carolyn Manley, Gerry Manning, John Mannino, Michelle Mansuetti, Denise McGrath, Justin McGrath, John McKenna, Sally Ally Muffin Stuffin, Katie Nolan, Kim Noyes, Kathy O'Connor, Rosanne Paige, Sue Paradis, Liz Parson, Bob Perrell, Pam Perrell, Nick Plakias, Millie Postema, Debbie Puchalski, Bette Richard, Karen Riddell, Shelly Robbins, Bill Robinson, Diane Robinson, Bob Rosser, Rosalie Rosser, Bob Santner, Lynn Santner, Pam Santucci,

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We wish to thank these people and anyone else who have volunteered whose names didn't get listed either because we inadvertently missed them (let us know if we did) or they wish to remain anonymous. The staff, adminstration and children of Swift River School greatly appreciate your contributions!!

We hope to see this list grow next year. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the school or any member of the PTCA Board or Volunteer Committee.

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Wendell Council on Aging
June 1992

The May Blood Pressure Screening had an attendance of fifteen elders and other towns people which is better than the screenings which were held during the winter months. Let us hope that our next screening will be more normal in attendance.

The next Blood Pressure Screening will be held on June 3, 1992, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Senior Center. Mark your calendar now. We expect that Tom Thompson will be present as usual. Please plan to come early and stay late as the Golden Agers have a program immediately following.

The Golden Agers want you to reserve all your Wednesdays this summer as we plan to be active and have something to do or see every Wednesday for the rest of the summer season.

24th June
There will be a Soup & Sandwich day; bring your lunch. We have the soup, coffee, tea, etc. Afterwards we will have a movie (VCR) on an interesting subject – (too bad gentlemen, but the ladies won't let us show your favorites!).

To give you an idea of our activities, here are a few of the events of the past month:

- We had a dinner at the Forest View Restaurant (located on Rte. 2A at Wendell Depot) and found it to be a real nice cozy place to eat and enjoy ourselves.
- Several went to the Erving Meal Site one noon and we not only had a good meal, but a visit with the Millers Falls and Erving seniors.
- We ate at the dining room at the Franklin County Tech School where the meals are both prepared and served by students. The food was very good and reasonably priced.
- On the 27th, we had our 22nd anniversary dinner at the Senior Center which was well attended. The Historical Society loaned us many of their old pictures of the "old" Wendell such as the old town hall, the church when it had its white spire, the band stand on the common and many others of the folks and the homes they lived in in the last hundred years and in some cases, since the town was founded.

In closing, please don't forget the shopping trip the last Thursday of every month. The little bus can hold a few more and the price is good. Call a member of the Council on Aging.

A Message for Older Adults:
HOT WEATHER spells
DANGER

Heat Stress Heat is a killer. Most of the victims are elderly. Hot weather can place a dangerous strain on your body, especially your heart. If the burden is too great, heat can make you very sick or even kill you.

Facts About the Heat Temperatures above 90°F can be very dangerous, especially when the humidity is also high. Crowded living conditions increase this danger.

Your body needs time to adjust to hot weather. A sudden increase in temperature, especially in the early summer, is particularly dangerous because your body is unprepared for the strain.

It doesn't take a "Killer Heat Wave" to kill you. If you are feeling hot and uncomfortable, take steps to avoid heat stress.

Heat stress can cause many medical problems including heat exhaustion, heat stroke, heart failure and stroke. Proper precautions can make you more comfortable, prevent illness and even save your life.

Watch Your Step Your chances of getting sick in hot weather are increased by:

- A Weak Or Damaged Heart
- Problems with Circulation
- A Previous Stroke
- Infection or Fever
- Drinking Alcoholic Beverages
- Skin Diseases or Sunburn which may reduce sweating
- Hypertension
- Diabetes
- Overweight
- Diarrhea

From The Right Side

Two Philosophies

This artical is to be discused between members of the Left and the Right. There my be some common ground. To be read from left to right as indecated by the numbers 1 through 14.

Left 1

Pro choice, save the snail darter, save the spotted owl, save the wetlands, no nuclear power stations, save the ozone, down with a strong military, not in my backyard, and on, and on, and on.

Right 2

Pro - life, Build dams, cut the forest down, fill in the wet lands, go nuclear, save the ozone, maintain a strong military, not in my backyard, and on, and on, and on.

Left 3

Pro choice - We govern our own body, and it's our constitutional right to have an abortion. (Paid for by the Government.)

Right 4

Pro - life - Abortion is wrong, except in cases of incest, or the mothers life is in danger. (Sorry, it can't be both ways.)

Left 5

Wetlands - Save the wetlands and the endangered species. We have to preserve what we have and not lose any more of our wetlands or wildlife.

Right 6

Wetlands - We have to fill in the wetlands and cut down the forests to supply land and lumber to build homes and shopping centers for all the boat people that the liberal left want to allow to immigrate.

Left 7

Nuclear power - Nuclear power is dangerous, leaves deadly waste, causes cancer, has the potential for a disasterous accident. We need alternative power sources.

Right 8

Nuclear power - We need nuclear power because of the increased demand for electricity. We don't want to damage the ozone layer by burning fossil fuel. We can bury our waste in the desert. (refer to last paragraph.)

Left 9

The ozone - We are ruining our ozone layer by burning fossil fuels, car exhaust, refrigeration coolants, aerosol cans, cigarette smoke, not to mention burning wood for heat. Oop's I didn't mean to say that.

Right 10

The ozone - We need nuclear power to save the ozone. We have to stop relying on fosil fuel and foriegn oil, not to mention burning wood for heat. Oop's I didn't mean to say that.

Left 11

The military - Cut military spending out completly. Spend the money on social programs. Take care of our own first. Give to the homeless, the poor, and the endowment for the arts.

Right 12

The military - We need to maintain a strong military to assure we will never have a foriegn invasion of our country.

Left 13

Not in my backyard - Down with recontec, no prisons, halfway houses, land fills, power plants, drag strips, airports, nothing that will cause noise, water, or air polution. At lease not in my backyard.

Right 14

Not in my backyard - Down with recontec, no prisons, halfway houses, landfills, power plants, drag strips, airports, nothing that will cause noise, water, or air polution. At least not in my backyard.

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Anyone interested in demonstrating and/or selling crafts at Old Home Day please contact Gail Krutka at 544-6362. We'd love to hear from anyone interested in helping with Old Home Day. Donations for goods and services or your time to organize, set-up, clean-up or help in any way would be appreciated. Please contact the Old Home Day Committee: Anne Diemand 544-6111 Karen Copeland 544-7352 Lisa Aubin 544-3970 or Kim Noyes 544-2913. See you on the 11th.

News from... GOOD NEIGHBORS

A lot has happened since I last wrote about Good Neighbors. Our little group has grown to become a community endeavor. At last count we were sharing food, clothing, information, etc. with 65 families; some a regular basis, and others occasionally. We have distributed over 3 tons of food since January which takes alot of energy and commitment from 25 volunteers and the generosity of some beautiful folks. We have raffled off Bob Ellis's beautiful painting of Jeff and Joe which gave us $200. We have had some very generous money donations which enabled us to some fixing and cleaning, including new bulkhead doors, shelves,and a fresh coat of paint on the food storage area. Thanks to Tom and Robert Chaisson, Tom Tucker, Don Lucci, Wayne Tucker, the Green Hills Cooperative, Kathleen Swaim , the Golden Agers, and everyone else who helped.

On April 4th we had our first community meal and shared yummy food, after which we danced the night away to the music of "Fly By Night and the Perry Howarth Band" We will have a flea market table and a food booth at Wendell Old Home Days. Keep us in mind when you spring clean. We are also raffling off an afghan donated by Betty Kelly to be drawn that day. Betty is a Warwick resident who helps distribute food.

On July 16th at 6pm we will have a dinner danc e with a roast beef dinner (vegetable alternative) and music by the Stevie Sunshine Band. Please come share the fun and meet your neighbors.

We can still use more volunteers to help with food distribution, fund raising, etc.. Our group of Saturday workers could use a break. Thank you Penny for being there every week and to Angie, Jetti, Kirstin, Betty, Nancy, Monique, Lisa, and everyone else who lends a hand.

Rosalie

Rosalie Rosser and artist Bob Ellis present "Jeff & Joe (dawn light)" to Joshua Jay Dostis. Waffles has since donated the painting to the people of the town.

Message from Meeting House

Hello everyone. It's time for another look at what is happening at the Meeting House! It 's been mentioned (several times) that people would like to see videos played at the Meeting House. Is anyone interested in organizing this? We can make the Meeting House available to you and help with the advertizing. The Recreation Committee has been given a ping pong table, we need to make minor repairs to it, but it's in fine shape. It would be nice to have a Rec. Day for ping pong, chess, checkers, videos, etc.

Is anyone interested in a Sunday Service and/or Sunday school? The Reverend Doris Raymond is interested in doing a church service and healing circle on Sunday, June 21st, Father's Day at 10 am. It would be nice to see folks there and to check out her service.

The Enchanted Forest Summer Art Program is taking off with a bang. June 15th is registration deadline - so give us a call to get your form right away! The swimming lessons at Ruggles is a big hit, along with the games and sports each afternoon. We will be holding the arts and crafts in the morning each day and heading to the pond for lunch and outdoor fun. Class sizes are limited so please let us know if you need a registration form.

Today, June 2nd, we had a first in a series of work days at the Meeting House. We scraped and glazed and primered a small portion of our beloved stained glass windows. It's a big job, but to my suprise it's not too terribly difficult. Since this was my first attempt atwindow maintainance, I was relatively surprised when I got the hang of it so quickly. Well, to honest with you John Braat did come along and show me a few clever tricks of application. I was rather impressed at how easily it came together once you got the knack of it. It was a fairly productive day, we are about 1/3 of the way through the job. The next work day will be Saturday, June 20th, 10am to dark. We will be doing a phone tree to get help.I would like to have a sign up sheet so if people are interested in working, call me, give your name and phone #, and I'll phone you when a job is coming up. We must give a hardy thanks and a round of applause to the Green Hills Coop - They gave us a huge donation, enough to fix the windows. They got us so inspired now, I want to fund raise to primer and paint the whole building!

Our thank yous continue... To those wonderful bakers who so dedicatedly bake for us, time and time again. We thank you for the May Day Craft Fair that was a great success. We had a beautifulday and lots of fun. The May Pole Ceremony was so lovely and the children were so cute all tangled up in the ribbons (not to mention the Moms and Dads too) Doug Tanner's fiddle was HOT! Thanks everyone for turning out to create such a wonderful day.

A great big Thanks to Amy Hubert in her continuing efforts to help keep the Meeting House alive. She raised a substancial amount of money to pay the insurance by hosting a 3 day Tauntra Meditation Workshop. Hurray Amy and Thanks Again!

Thanks to John and Mary Alice Hubert for their generous donation of a desk, ping pong table, and life jackets. We do appreciate it when people clean out the basement.

Thanks to our anonymous cash donation for our window supplies, you know who you are. Thanks to John Braat and Mark Stewert. Your time and energy is greatly appreciated and your generous offer to come back and finish the job is so commendable. Peace to you both!

Waffles gives painting

Joshua Jay Dostis, AKA Waffles the Clown, winner of the Good Neighbor raffle of a painting, has presented the picture to the Town of Wendell. The watercolor, by Bob Ellis, depicts two oxen owned by the late Jack Ellis. The oxen, named Jud and Joe, weighed 2900 and 3100 pounds each, according to Mary Ann Vinal, who helped Jack care for them before his death. They were a fixture in the landscape near Wendell Center, recalling the days when oxen were used in logging. They were a powerful and picturesque reminder of Wendell's rural and pastoral character.

The painting, presented to the Town in Annual Town Meeting with moving remarks by Joshua, will be framed and displayed in Town offices.

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